

Season and Limits

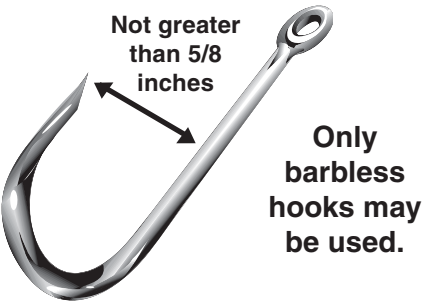
The following waters are open to fishing for Chinook salmon in the South Fork Salmon River during the periods listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain CLOSED to fishing for Chinook salmon unless opened by Commission action.

Mainstem South Fork Salmon River from the mouth of Goat Creek upstream to a posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream from the South Fork Salmon River salmon weir and trap.

- **SEASON:** June 28 until notice of closure.
- **Limits: South Fork Salmon River:** 1 per day, 3 in possession and 10 per season. The season limit is statewide and includes limits from previous and ongoing Chinook fisheries during the 2007 season. Jack salmon must be counted in the daily, possession, and season limit and recorded on the salmon permit.

No person shall take more than one daily bag limit in one day. No person may possess more than one possession limit. An angler may take no more than 10 Chinook salmon statewide from waters open for Chinook salmon.

For example, you cannot legally catch and keep 1 salmon on the Snake River and then travel to the South Fork and fish later in the day.



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Methods of Take

- A. It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.
- B. Fishing prohibited after attainment of limits. Once an angler has attained his bag, possession or season limit on those waters open to salmon fishing, he must cease fishing for salmon, including catch-and-release fishing.
- C. Chinook salmon may be taken only with barbless hooks. Bending the barb down to the shank of a single, double, or treble hook will meet this requirement.
- D. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging.

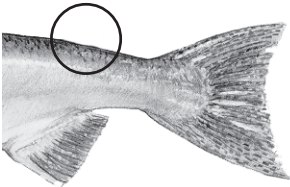
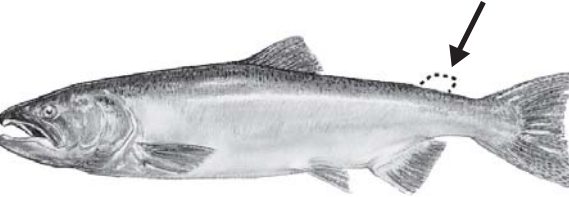
Fishing Hours

South Fork Salmon River: Fishing for Chinook salmon is permitted only from ½ hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset, local time.

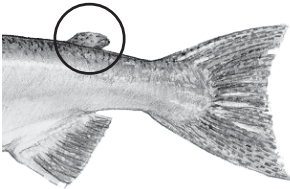
Salmon Fishing Hours (These times are based on 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1 hour after sunset)					
Day	Begin	End	Day	Begin	End
JUNE			JULY CONTINUED		
28	5:35 a.m.	10:29 p.m.	15	5:46 a.m.	10:24 p.m.
29	5:35 a.m.	10:29 p.m.	16	5:47 a.m.	10:23 p.m.
30	5:36 a.m.	10:29 p.m.	17	5:47 a.m.	10:22 p.m.
JULY			18	5:48 a.m.	10:22 p.m.
1	5:36 a.m.	10:29 p.m.	19	5:49 a.m.	10:21 p.m.
2	5:37 a.m.	10:29 p.m.	20	5:50 a.m.	10:20 p.m.
3	5:37 a.m.	10:29 p.m.	21	5:51 a.m.	10:19 p.m.
4	5:38 a.m.	10:29 p.m.	22	5:52 a.m.	10:19 p.m.
5	5:38 a.m.	10:28 p.m.	23	5:53 a.m.	10:18 p.m.
6	5:39 a.m.	10:28 p.m.	24	5:54 a.m.	10:17 p.m.
7	5:40 a.m.	10:28 p.m.	25	5:55 a.m.	10:16 p.m.
8	5:40 a.m.	10:27 p.m.	26	5:56 a.m.	10:15 p.m.
9	5:41 a.m.	10:27 p.m.	27	5:57 a.m.	10:14 p.m.
10	5:42 a.m.	10:27 p.m.	28	5:58 a.m.	10:13 p.m.
11	5:42 a.m.	10:26 p.m.	29	5:59 a.m.	10:12 p.m.
12	5:43 a.m.	10:26 p.m.	30	6:00 a.m.	10:11 p.m.
13	5:44 a.m.	10:25 p.m.	31	6:01 a.m.	10:09 p.m.
14	5:47 a.m.	10:24 p.m.			

Special Rules

- A. It shall be unlawful to fish in any waters while having fish in possession which violate rules for those waters.
- B. No person shall have in the field or in transit any Chinook salmon from which the head or tail has been removed (Unless the fish has been commercially processed).
- C. All fish that are hooked, landed and not immediately released shall be counted in the limits of the person hooking the fish.
- D. Only hatchery Chinook salmon with a clipped adipose fin (as evidenced by a healed scar) may be kept. All salmon with a non-clipped adipose fin must be immediately released.



Hatchery salmon may be kept if the adipose fin has been clipped.



Wild or hatchery salmon with adipose fin MUST be released immediately.

Trout and Whitefish Season: See 2006-2007 General Fishing Seasons and Rules for more information. Bait is allowed only while fishing for Chinook salmon.

All successful and unsuccessful anglers that encounter an IDFG fisheries check station are required to stop.

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Licenses and Permits

- Resident Fishing License\$ 25.75
- Nonresident Fishing License (Season)\$ 82.00
- Resident & Nonresident Jr. Fishing License (Season)\$ 13.75
- 3-Day Salmon/Steelhead License (includes a 3-Day Permit)\$ 31.50
- Salmon Permit (License Required)\$ 12.75

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Citizens Against Poaching
1-800-632-5999

General Information

Licenses, Permits

Everyone, except those expressly exempt, must have a valid fishing license and salmon permit in possession to fish for salmon.

Any person, age 14 and older, who does not qualify as a resident must purchase either a Nonresident Season Fishing License and Salmon Permit, a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit, or a 3-Day Salmon License to fish for salmon.

In order to qualify for resident status, a person must be domiciled in the state for at least six months.

Children under the age of 14 (*including nonresidents*) are exempt from purchasing salmon permits. They may fish without permits if they are accompanied by a valid permit holder, provided that any fish kept must be recorded on the permit holder’s card and counted in the permit holder’s legal bag and possession limit. Any resident child under 14 may purchase a permit so that he/she may catch his or her own limit of salmon. Any nonresident child may purchase either a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit or a 3-Day Salmon License to fish for salmon so that he/she may catch his or her own limit of salmon.

2007 Idaho Salmon Fishing Rules

Consult the 2006-2007 Fishing Seasons and Rules brochure for other regulations relating to fishing, license costs and other Department information.

Chinook Salmon: Adult anadromous (ocean run) salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* found in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam, the Salmon River drainage and the Clearwater River drainage, excluding lakes and the North Fork of the Clearwater River above Dworshak Dam.

Jack Salmon: Adult Chinook salmon under 20 inches in total length are commonly called jack salmon.

Permits: Any person fishing for or harvesting Chinook salmon must have a valid salmon permit in possession. However, when a salmon is released unharmed, as in catch-and-release fishing, the angler is not required to make an entry on the permit.

COURTESY IS CONTAGIOUS.

Salmon in Idaho produce eager anglers and crowding. You can help make your outing and everyone else’s more enjoyable by being courteous.

Permit Validation: When a Chinook salmon has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately:

- A. Cut out and completely remove one numbered notch from the permit; and
- B. Look up the location code number from the list below and write it in the space provided; and
- C. Enter in the space provided, the month and day the fish was caught.

For example, a Chinook salmon kept from the South Fork Salmon River on July 4 would be entered as:

FISH	MONTH	DAY	LOCATION	MONTH	DAY	LOCATION	FISH
BIRD			CODE			CODE	BIRD
1		7/4	21				20
2			S				21
3			P			F	22
4			R			A	23
5			I			L	24
			N			L	
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REMOVE NOTCH COMPLETELY!

RIVER LOCATION CODE

See Season and Limits section for full description of fishing boundaries
South Fork Salmon River 21

Nez Perce and Shoshone-Bannock tribal fisheries are also occurring on the South Fork Salmon River. They have different rules than sport anglers; please be courteous and understanding of different fishing methods and traditions.



It Is Unlawful

The following acts are unlawful by statute or commission rule. They are listed here for your information. Please consult Title 36, Idaho Code, or the 2006-2007 Idaho Fishing Seasons and Rules for exact wording and complete listing.

It Is Unlawful:

- To take or attempt to take a salmon by snagging, or to keep a salmon that has been snagged. A salmon that is snagged must be released immediately, unharmed back into the water.
- To keep a salmon hooked in any part of its body other than the mouth or jaw.
- To refuse to produce license or fish for inspection upon request by a conservation officer.
- To fail to stop and report at check stations that have been established to inspect licenses and fish and game.
- To put any substance not attached to a hook into the water for the purpose of attracting fish (chumming).
- To possess, transport or use as bait any live fish.
- To catch any part of another person’s bag limit, EXCEPT in the case of license-exempt persons fishing for salmon and steelhead.
- To transport for another or accept as a gift any game fish, unless a statement signed by taker accompanies the fish, showing the number and kinds, the date taken, the taker’s name, address and fishing license number.
- To claim ownership to more wild game or fish taken within the state of Idaho than allowed by established possession limits.
- To ship any fish by commercial carrier unless the outside of the package is marked as to the number and kinds of fish and the package contains a written statement showing the taker’s name, address and fishing license number.
- To use seines, dip nets, spears, snag hooks, or any other contrivances in taking any fish from the waters of the state EXCEPT as allowed by Commission regulation.
- To deposit chemicals, poisons or explosives in attempting to catch or destroy fish.
- To waste game fish.
- To sell fish without a permit.

Salmon caught in a legal manner must be either released or killed immediately after landing.

DON’T LITTER (it’s the law!)

It is against Idaho law to leave fish entrails and other debris such as fishing line, egg sacks, packaging wrappers, cans and bottles, cigarette butts, etc. along streambanks! Anglers’ litter is the most frequently cited reason landowners refuse access to some of Idaho’s premium fishing locations. Please carry a litter bag to dispose of trash properly.

Endangered Species Act

Idaho fishing season and rules for salmon, steelhead and resident fish where anadromous salmon occur operate under permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Idaho sport anglers need to be well informed of fishing rules to help protect dwindling supplies of wild salmon threatened with extinction.

Recovery of wild salmon and returning hatchery salmon for fishing is not just a fisherman’s tale. It can be real. But, we need your support to help make the river between Lewiston and the ocean more friendly for migrating fish. For information, call any office of the Department of Fish and Game.

SNAGGING:

During any open salmon season, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take any fish by snagging. Snagging shall mean the taking or attempting to take a fish by use of a hook or lure in any manner or method other than enticing or attracting a fish to strike with, and become hooked in, its mouth.

WARNING!

The South Fork Road can be very crowded and dangerous. Please be cautious around traffic. Park completely off the road in designated areas.